

REMARKS

The Response to Restriction Requirement being submitted herewith was previously mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on July 22, 2005 (and received by the PTO on July 25, 2005) that was in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2005.

On Monday, October 3, 2005, Examiner Choe telephoned applicants' attorneys and stated that he inadvertently mailed to applicants (on September 28, 2005) a duplicate of the July 5, 2005 Restriction Requirement for the above-referenced case, and suggested that applicants send a copy of the July 25, 2005 Response to Restriction Requirement in response to the duplicate Response to Restriction Requirement mailed September 28, 2005.

Applicants are herewith submitting a newly signed Response to Restriction Requirement to comply with the Examiner's request.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 28, 2005, applicants hereby elect Species I of Figures 2 and 3 and submit that claims 1-15 and 27-29 are readable thereon.

In addition, applicants have canceled claims 16-26. Claims 1-15 and 27-29 remain pending. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Restriction Requirements also stated that a telephone call was made to Mr. Daniel Ovanezian on 6/27/05 to request an oral election, but did not result in an election being made. (See Office Action, page 2). It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned attorney did not receive a call from the Examiner, nor was any voice message left by the Examiner for the undersigned attorney. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner did not provide the applicants with an opportunity to make an oral election.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

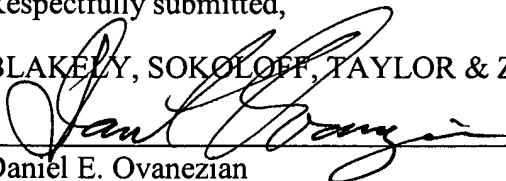
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Respectfully submitted,

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